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SUBJECT: GOVT OF CYPRUS REACTION TO UNSYG REPORT ON UNFICYP  
REDUCTION

REF: USUN 5349

1. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG GOCYPRUS REACTION TO  
UNSYG'S DECISION TO MAKE PHASE TWO CUT IN UNFICYP CONDITIONAL  
UPON COMMITMENTS FROM GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS. FORMINISTRY DIRGEN  
VENIAMIN EXPRESSED EXTREME ANNOYANCE WITH UNSYG'S REPORT. HE SAID  
THAT UNSYG DEMAND FOR SUCH A COMMITMENT FROM GOCYPRUS WAS AN  
INTOLERABLE AFFRONT TO ITS SOVEREIGNTY. GOCYPRUS HAD BEEN  
FOLLOWING POLICY OF AVOIDING COMMUNAL CLASHES, HAD EVERY INTENT  
TO CONTINUE THAT POLICY, BUT WOULD NOT GIVE AN ASSURANCE  
WHICH IN EFFECT TRANSFERRED ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO MAKE  
DECISIONS TO UNFICYP (WHOSE EFFECTIVENESS IN ADJUDICATING  
DISPUTES VENIAMIN DEPRECATED, AS GOCYPRUS OFFICIALS NORMALLY  
DO). IN ADDITION, GOCYPRUS IS OFFENDED THAT UNSYG IS  
INJECTING ATHENS AND ANKARA INTO SUCH DECISIONS BY SUGGEST-  
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ING THEY SHOULD GIVE PARALLEL COMMITMENTS.

2. VENIAMIN SAID HE TALKED WITH ARCHBISHOP THIS MORNING AND RECOMMENDED STRONG PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DEMARCHE TO UNSYG ON ABOVE LINES. HE BELIEVES ARCHBISHOP PLANS TO PROCEED WITH SUCH A STATEMENT, BUT IS NOT YET CERTAIN.

3. IF FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANOTHER CRACK AT PROPOSED DEMARCHE (ITSELF AN INTERESTING ADMISSION THAT MAKARIOS COMMUNICATES DIRECTLY WITH ROSSIDES IN NEW YORK), VENIAMIN SAID HE WOULD INFORM US OF EXACT NATURE OF APPROACH GOCYPRUS PLANS TO MAKE.

4. VENIAMIN SAID THAT ARCHBISHOP AGAIN REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT UNFICYP SHOULD BE REDUCED.

5. TENDENCY IN UNSYG REPORT TO EQUATE TURK CYPRIOTS AND GOCYPRUS ON EQUAL TERMS HAS ALSO ANGERED GOCYPRUS, WHICH ALSO ANNOYED AT HIS GRATUITOUS REFERENCE TO "AUTONOMY", WHICH IS A TERM USED BY THE TURKS BUT AVOIDED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS. VENIAMIN CLAIMS THAT PREVIOUS UNSYG HAD CAREFULLY STAYED WITHIN NEGOTIATED MANDATE OF WORKING TOWARD A "SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT AND BEGIN UNDERLINE UNITARY END UNDERLINE" STATE. FAILURE OF UNSYG TO RETITERATE FORMULA IN LAST REPORT APPARENTLY LED TO DEMARCHE BY GOCYPRUS, WHICH FINDS PRESENT REPORT EVEN MORE OBJECTIONABLE.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE SOME THREATS ABOUT ASKING UNFICYP TO GO, VENIAMIN SAYS THAT GOCYPRUS RECOGNIZES THAT SOME MEDIATORY PRESENCE SHOULD CONTINUE, AND IT CAN BEST BE PROVIDED BY UN. WE ASSUME THIS CONSIDERATION WILL TEMPER ANY DEMARCHE BY GOCYPRUS TO UNSYG. IF GOCYPRUS GOES THROUGH WITH PROPOSED DEMARCHE, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD UNDERCUT UNSYG'S EFFORT TO DEMAND GUARANTEES, AND DEPRIVE HIM OF ANY FURTHER ARGUMENT THAT CYPRUS HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR MAINTENANCE OF UNFICYP AT PRESENT SIZE.  
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